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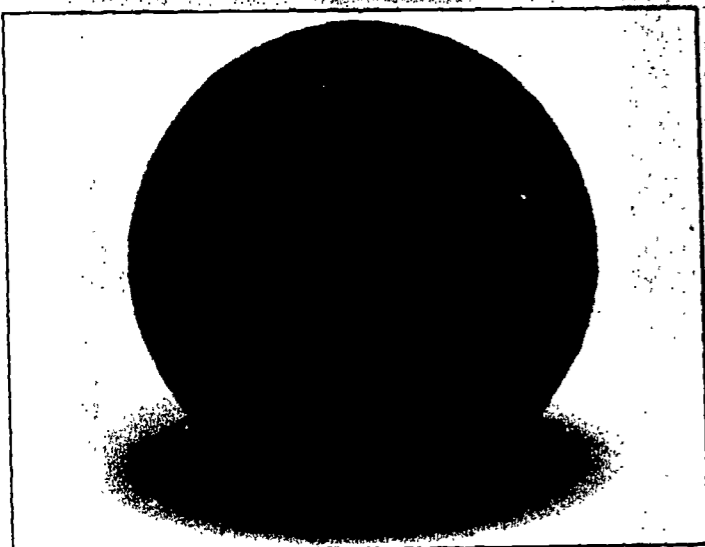
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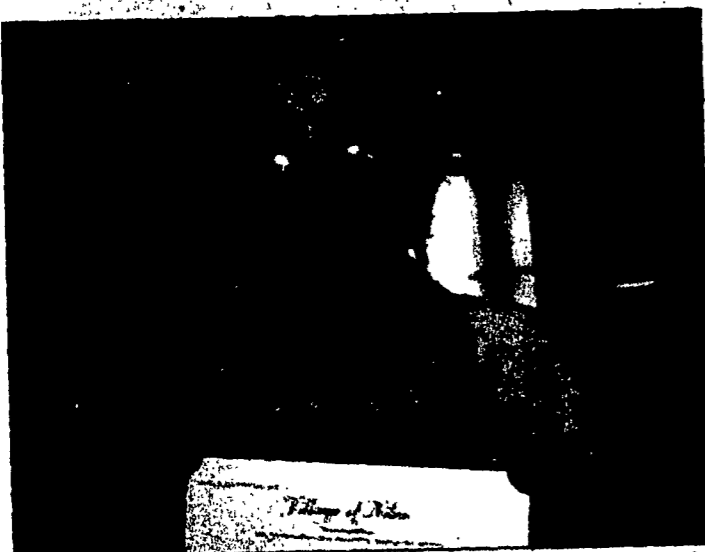
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Niles West Girls defeated

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Happy 100th Birthday!

Rose Jackson hold proclamation from Village of Niles on her 100th birthday. For the story, see page 2.

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Niles Chamber names DiMaria new director

New director hails from Morton Grove Chamber

BY ANDREW SCHNEIDER
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The Niles Chamber has selected Katie DiMaria, current head of the Morton Grove Chamber of Commerce and Industry as its new executive director. She will officially take the position on Tuesday, Feb. 17. DiMaria has worked at the Morton Grove Chamber for two years.

DiMaria is the second executive director of the Niles Chamber in a row to have moved from Morton Grove. Previous director Denise McCreery was also head of the Morton Grove Chamber. DiMaria graduated from Loyola University in Chicago. She was the same age that McCreery was when she became the director at Morton Grove.

"Morton Grove is a great town," said DiMaria. "So is Niles. The business community in Niles is larger though, that's why I'm so excited about working for the Niles

Chamber."

DiMaria said that her first order of business is to learn everything that is going on at the Niles Chamber.

"I'm most looking forward to getting to know the Chamber members," she said. "I love working with people."

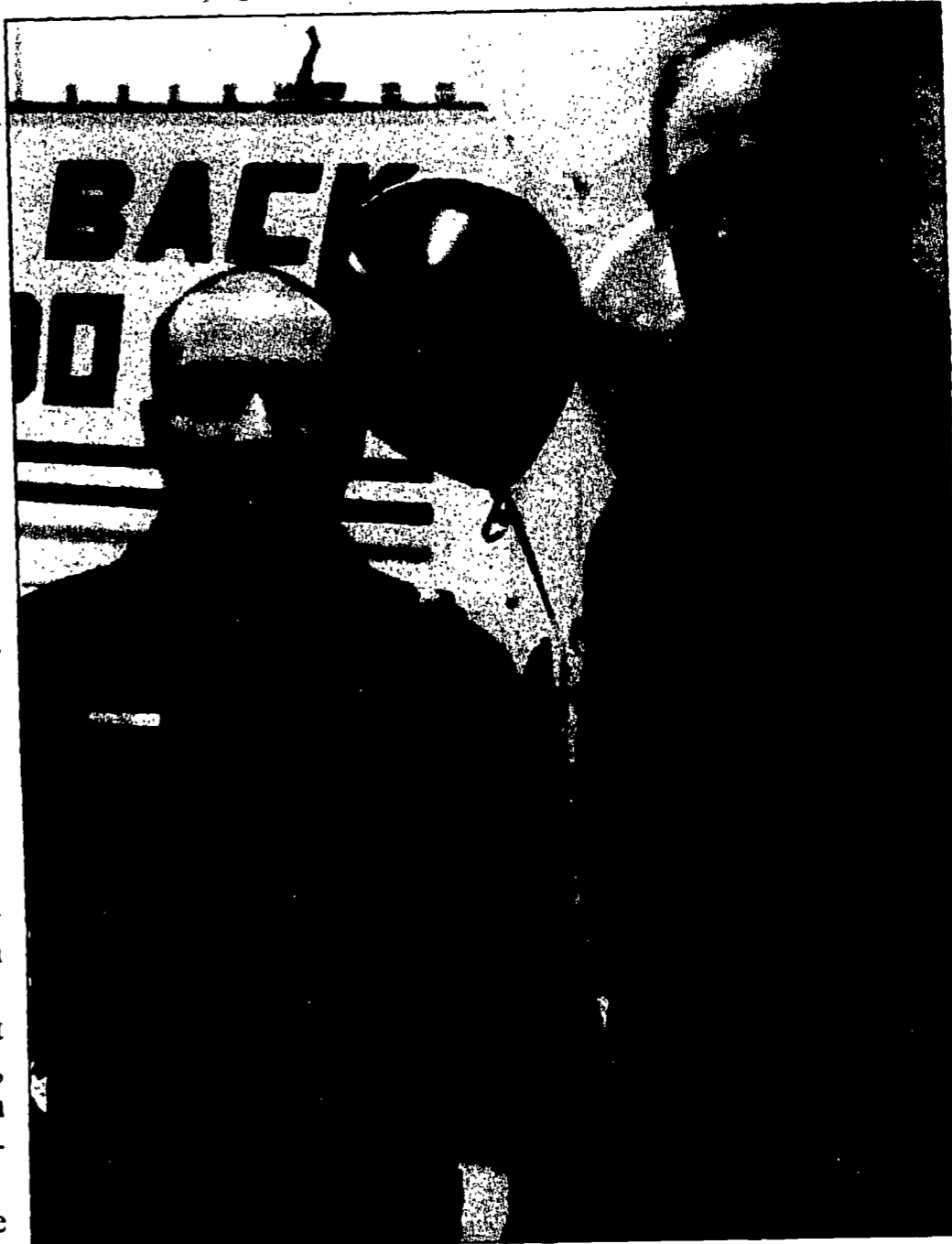
Of her time with Morton Grove, DiMaria said she learned a great deal.

"I learned a lot about small and mid-size business and what a Chamber can do to help," she said. "Niles has done well as a Chamber. I hope to build off of the foundation they've created with my energy and experience."

Now that DiMaria has left the Morton Grove Chamber, their board is about to begin the search for a new executive director.

"The Morton Grove Chamber has a great board," said DiMaria. "They're very supportive."

Until a new director can be found, the Board's executive committee will fill in for DiMaria. Interested applicants should send their resumes to Terry Liston at the Morton Grove Chamber, 6101 Capulina, fax: (847) 965-2805.



Welcome Back Officer Mercado!

Niles Police Officer Jerry Mercado (pictured above at left) was recently welcomed back from active duty in Iraq by Chief Jerry Sheehan (right) and all the officers and staff of the Niles Police Dept. Mercado has been on active duty in Iraq since Feb. 2003. Mercado said he was happy to be reunited with his family and back on patrol in Niles.

Morton Grove Library closing

Repairs to a roof truss will force the Morton Grove library to close its doors for a week, beginning Monday, Feb. 23. Library administrator Nancy Brothers says the library will be closed to patrons through Friday, Feb. 27 and if all goes as planned, they will reopen for business on Saturday, Feb. 28 at 9 a.m.

Regularly scheduled library programs, such as Movies, Munchies & More, will be

cancelled for that week. The Tuesday evening book discussion, "Thinking Out Loud", will be held on Tuesday, March 2, at 7:30 p.m. "Cooking for One or Two" has also been rescheduled, for 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 25.

Until the closing, however, other library programs will go on as planned. "An Afternoon of Love", featuring vocalist Dee Alexander, will be held Sunday, Feb. 15 at 2 p.m.

Myrla Brand will take patrons on a virtual tour of Sweden on Wednesday, Feb. 18, at 7 p.m. A free showing of "The Italian Job" is scheduled to go on at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 19, and on Saturday, Feb. 21, and 28, a class in Quicken will go on as planned.

The younger set can still enjoy "George Washington Follies", performed by Face to Face Productions on Saturday, Feb. 21 at 2 p.m.

Circuit City closes store

Circuit City, Inc., the second-largest electronics retailer in the United States announced plans to close 19 stores that were losing money throughout the country. Among those stores is the Circuit City located at the Golf Mill Shopping Center in Niles.

The store was closed Monday but reopened on Tuesday to begin a close-out sale of display merchandise. Circuit City plans to permanently close the store by Feb. 23.

Dist. 63 "Vote Yes" rally set for Feb. 15

A rally will be held in support of a tax referendum for East Maine Dist. 63. The event, sponsored by the Dist. 63 Referendum Committee begins at 1 p.m. at Gemini Jr. High, at the corner of Ballard and Greenwood in

Niles.

After some brief remarks, campaign materials will be handed out. Voter registration will also be available. Anyone who cannot attend the rally but want to register can call 847/966-7115 or send an e-mail message to

MGHarr@aol.com.

Dist. 63 is proposing the referendum in lieu of budget cuts to make up for a \$3 million shortfall. For more information on Dist. 63's financial condition and the referendum, visit www.emsd63.org.

Correction

Due to a problem with the fonts, the alignment of the rates in page 23's North Shore Financial advertisement was printed incorrectly in last week's paper (2/5/04). The Bugle regrets the error.

News

Woman Celebrates 100th Birthday

Rose Jackson blows out the candles on her birthday cake during birthday festivities for residents of The Park Retirement Community, Tuesday afternoon January 27. Rose turned 100 January 21. Rose, a mink finisher for 50 years, has two children, 5 grandchildren, and 13 great grandchildren. "I was good all my life and I have good children," she said.

Rose was 17 when she came to the United States on the Aquatania along with her mother, sister, and two brothers. She met her husband Jack in Chicago when she was 21. Rose was joined by her sons Gene, 65, and Samuel, 74.



Fifth negotiation scheduled with Village, MCC

BY WENDY ELLIS
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After 4 sessions with a federal mediator, attorneys for the Village of Morton Grove and the Muslim Community Center (MCC) appear poised to settle a federal lawsuit out of court. The MCC filed suit against the Village last fall accusing the village and several of its officials of violating their civil rights by failing to allow them to build a mosque on property they own alongside the Muslim Education Center (MEC), at 8601

Menard.

The MEC, a Muslim Elementary school, holds prayer services for its students five times a day as part of the curriculum. Those services have been held in the school gymnasium, but increasing attendance at those services, particularly on Friday afternoons, has caused anger among neighboring home owners over parking and congestion. A neighborhood group, the Morton Grove Organization (MGO), has also filed suit against the village in federal court accusing the village of not uniformly enforcing village codes.

The MCC would like to build a mosque next to the school to free up the gymnasium for the students, and to provide a proper setting for prayer services. The village, however, turned down the mosque plans, saying the roughly 4 acres available was too small for the planned religious facility and the parking needed. A fifth, and what some parties hope will be a final, negotiating session between the village and the MCC will be held next week. Until the two parties come to an agreement, the terms of any settlement are not being disclosed.



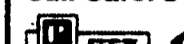
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News Briefs

Morton Grove Police purchases protective equipment

The Morton Grove Police Department has received for each of its officers, Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) that includes a mask, respirator and nuclear, chemical, and biological cartridges. The first responder equipment was received from the Illinois Terrorism Task Force that was itself provided with an \$18 million grant from the State Homeland Security Grant Program.

The policy guiding the use of the equipment has been distributed. Officers are currently going through medical evaluations as required by the U.S. Dept. of Labor. Upon completion of the medical evaluations, officers will be fitted and trained in the use of the equipment.

Morton Grove Police Commander Mark Erickson said that the new equipment would make the department more prepared in the event of a terrorist attack or if a train carrying volatile chemicals were ever to have an accident while within the Village.

Niles Village Board approves ban on some cell phones

A ban on new cell phone models that incorporate digital cameras was approved at the last Niles Village Board meeting, Tuesday, Jan. 27.

The ban was approved for "protected areas" on municipal property which include locker rooms, bathrooms, and showers. It carries a maximum fine of \$1,000.

The Village Board passed the ordinance because

of privacy concerns that have resulted from the widespread use of the cameras, which have already been banned from similar facilities at the Niles Park District.

Concerns about privacy have surfaced throughout the country, following several incidents where photos were taken without consent and posted on the internet.

Niles' Kara Biel named to DePaul Dean's List
Kara Biel, a Niles resident was among 612 DePaul University Students named to the Dean's List. Students placed on the Dean's List are recognized for outstanding academic performance.

Biel was placed on the Fall 2003 list. To be eligible for the List, a student must earn at least a 3.5 grade-point average out of a possible 4.0 points.

Niles Library Board appoints new member

Maureen Polcyn of Niles has been appointed to the Niles Public Library District Board of Trustees. She replaces former board vice president John Hanna, who resigned from the board in December when he moved out of the library district. Polcyn's term will run through April 2005.

Board member William M. Wadden was elected by the board to fill Hanna's position of vice president of the Niles Public Library District Board of Trustees. Wadden is a Niles resident and was elected to a six-year term in April 2003. He had been the golf professional at the Niles Park District's Tam Golf Course prior to his retirement.



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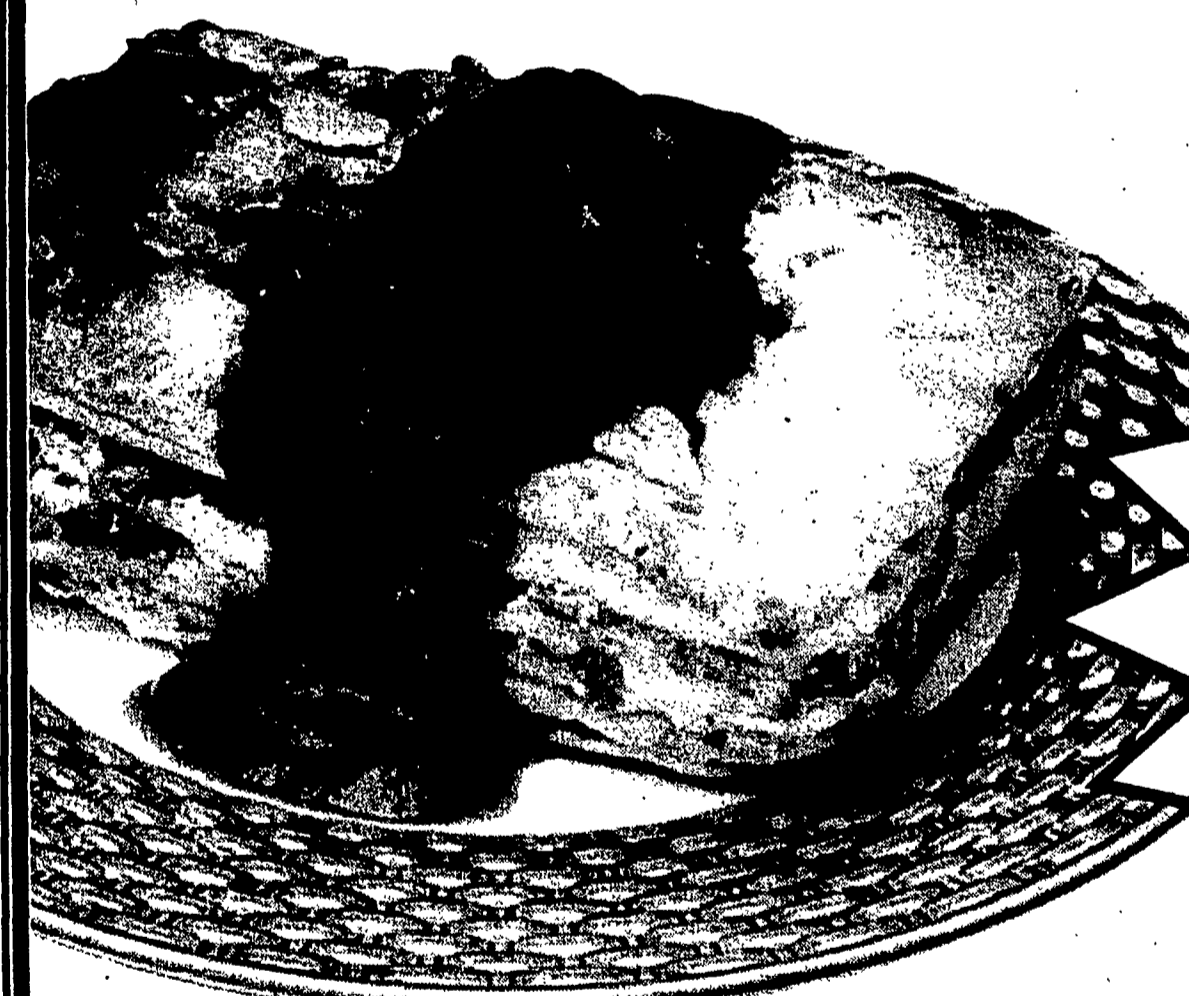
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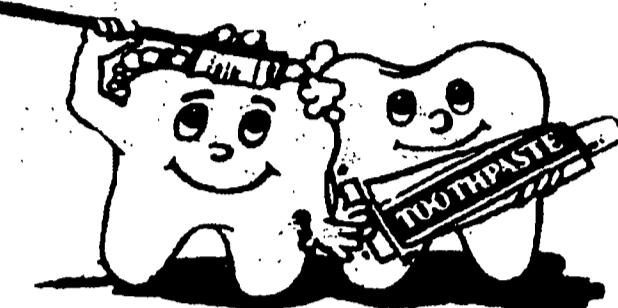
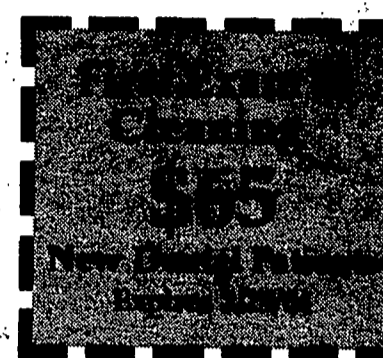
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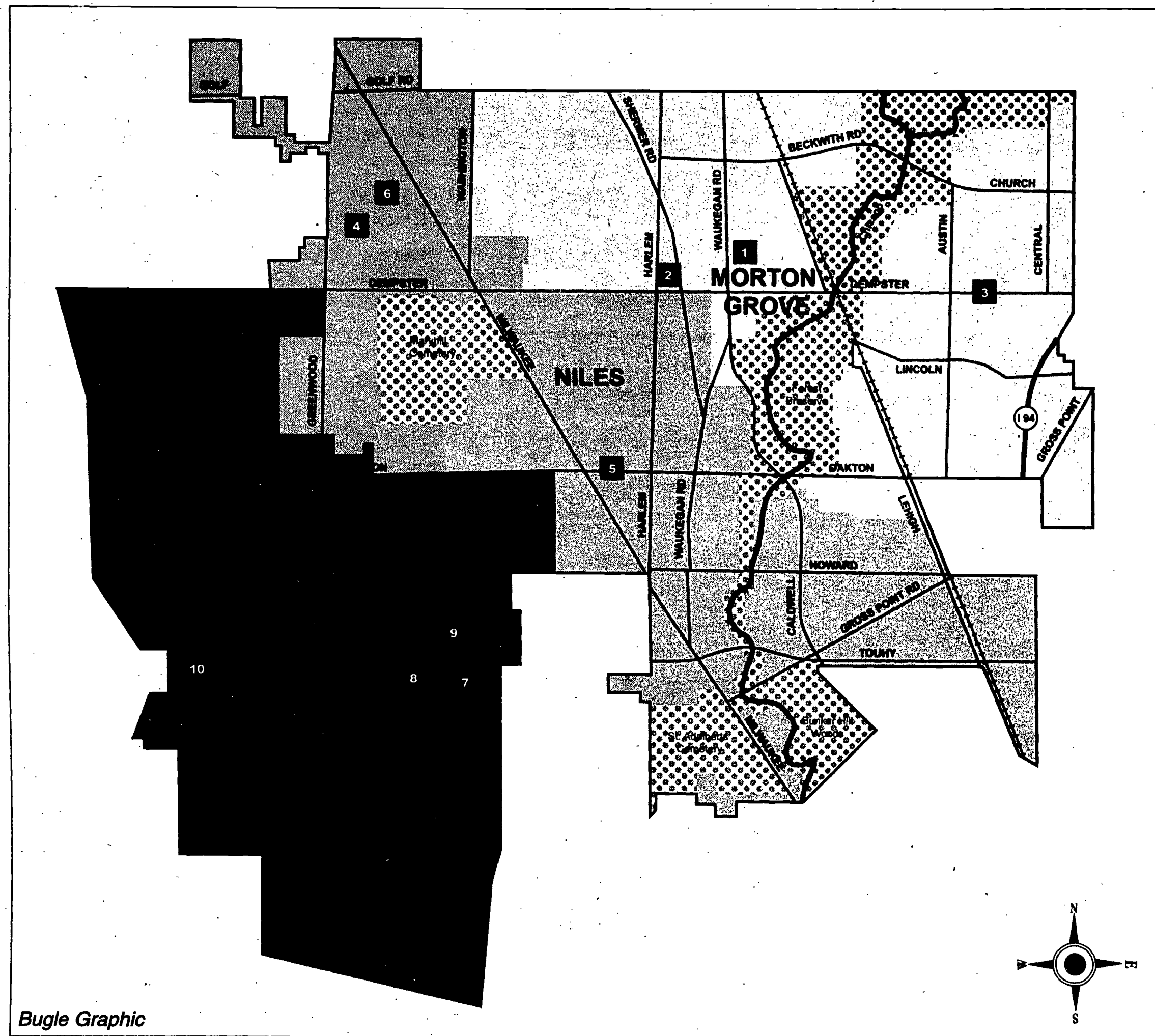
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POLICE BLOTTER



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MORTON GROVE

The following items were taken from official reports of the Morton Grove Police Department for the week ending Feb. 6, 2004.

1 Attempted theft by deception (6700 block of Dempster)

A South Carolina man attempted to make off with a full-length, white, Mink coat with gray Chinchilla trim from a store in the 6700 block of Dempster Tuesday, Feb. 3. The manager of the store said that the man entered the store by himself and within half an hour picked out the coat. It was a woman's coat but the man said it was for himself. He wrote a personal check for \$5,208.

The check bore a South Carolina name and address. The unidentified man also presented a South Carolina Driver's License. The store manager attempted to verify the check over the phone but was told by bank personnel that the check may be stolen.

The South Carolina man spoke to and argued with bank personnel on

the phone in front of the manger for several moments before hanging up. He argued briefly with the manger before taking back the license and check and leaving the store.

The reporting officer contacted the South Carolina bank and was told that the account was valid, but that it did not match the name on the driver's license. The bank personnel said they could not give out information, but said they would contact the account holder and conduct an investigation.

2 Shoes have winged heels (7300 Dempster)

Morton Grove Police were called to a retail store in the 7300 block of Dempster Saturday, Jan. 31 to take a shoplifting complaint. The manager of the retail establishment said that he observed a male Hispanic trying on Rockport shoes. A few minutes later the manager saw the same man walking out of the store, wearing the shoes. The manager checked the Rockport box and discovered a pair of old shoes. He left the store looking for the unidentified man, who

was inside another retail establishment. As the manager called police, the unidentified man jumped into a gray/silver Saturn and fled. The manager was unable to obtain a license plate number.

3 Driver slips up on Alphabet (5800 block of Dempster)

A Morton Grove Police officer observed a vehicle traveling 52 mph in a 30 mph zone Saturday night, Jan. 31. The officer pulled the car over and asked to see a driver's license. The driver asked how fast she was going and the officer noticed she stuttered while she was speaking.

He asked her to recite the alphabet. The driver began, but only made it to "P" and stopped. The officer administered a field sobriety test which the driver failed. A breathalyzer was administered and showed a blood/alcohol level of .11. The driver was arrested and charged with DUI, speeding, no insurance, and failure to notify the Secretary of State of an address change. A court date was set for Mar. 4 in room 103

of the Skokie Court House.

NILES

The following items were taken from official reports of the Niles Police Department for the week ending Feb. 9, 2004.

4 Ice foils retail theft (Golf Mill)

An attempt to steal a pair of gym shoes by three men from a Golf Mill store was thwarted Saturday, Feb. 9. One of the men placed one pair of gym shoes in a shopping bag he was carrying and left the store without paying. When loss prevention employees approached the three men outside of the store, all three ran but the man carrying the bag slipped on some ice and fell. He was detained while the other two individuals fled. The gym shoes were recovered and the man was released on an IBond.

5 DUI (Oakton and Oconto) A Niles Public Works Plow

driver alerted police on Friday night, Feb. 6 when a car struck and knocked down a Village of Niles light pole on Milwaukee Ave. at Ottawa, then continue driving. The plow driver followed the vehicle until it pulled over at Oakton and Oconto. When police arrived on the scene they observed that the front end of the vehicle had massive damage and both front air bags had deployed. When the officer asked for the driver's license he noticed that his eyes were bloodshot and an odor of alcohol emerged from the vehicle. The driver was given field sobriety tests and failed. He was issued six citations for damage to Village property, driving too fast for conditions, leaving the scene of a property damage accident, two for DUI, and one for driving off the roadway.

6 Removing packaging no use (Golf Mill)

A man took three compact discs from a display in a Golf Mill store Thursday, Feb. 5. The man removed the packaging and placed the CDs into his jacket. He then exited the store without paying for the items valued at \$38.92. The man was arrested by Niles police and has a court date of Mar. 15 at the Skokie Court House.

PARK RIDGE

The following items were taken from official reports of the Park Ridge Police for the week ending Feb. 9, 2004.

7 Criminal damage to property (300 block of S. Berry)

An unknown driver dislodged and broke the parking sign on the street corner at the 300 block of S. Berry. The incident was reported on Sunday, Feb. 1 but the actual date is unknown. The cost of the damage is unknown.

8 Theft (100 block of S. Prospect)

An unknown offender took a manila envelope from an area of the Park Ridge Library where a patron was working. The envelope contained papers and a wallet. It was recovered on a shelf of the library but the wallet was missing.

9 Criminal damage to vehicle (100 block of N. Elmore)

An unknown offender broke the passenger side mirror on a 2000 Chevy Impala parked in the 100 block of N. Elmore Saturday, Jan. 31. Cost of the damage is unknown.

10 Criminal damage to property (2000 block of S. Touhy)

An unknown offender drove off the road and damaged the shrubs in a front yard in the 2000 block of S. Touhy sometime between Jan. 24 and 29. Estimated cost of the damage is \$390.

Celebrating 50 years

Jim and Bernadine Doherty recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. The couple have been Niles residents for 45 of those years. Advice they have for young couples includes having courage, patience, and, according to Bernadine, "a little love on the side." Happy Anniversary from all the staff of The Bugle.



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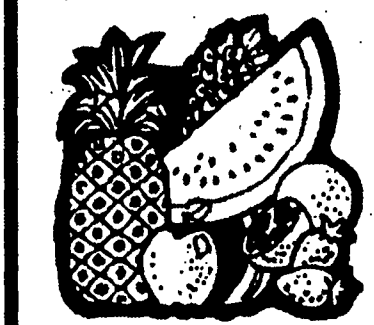
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Monday, February 16
-8 p.m. Park Ridge City Council meeting

COMMUNITY

Monday, February 16
-A Birthday and Valentine's Day Party will be held at the Leaning Tower YMCA in Niles. Music for dancing will be provided by Don Reitsma's keyboard and accordion. Refreshments will be served. Free for member, \$5 for guests. For more information, call (847) 647-8222.
Tuesday, February 17
-The Morton Grove Historical Society will host Al Schafer, a beer stein collector of 35 years. He will speak about his hobby today, at 7 p.m. at the Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove. Schafer specializes in glass steins produced between 1890 and 1919. The glass steins frequently advertised breweries, restaurants, hotels, or beer gardens. For more information, contact the Historical Society at (847) 965-0203.

PARKS

Committee Meeting.
Tuesday, February 17
-7 p.m. Niles Park District Board meeting
Thursday, February 19
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Hinkley Reservoir lease topic of last-minute debate

BY ANDREW SCHNEIDER
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The final draft of the lease between the City and the Park District for the new reservoir site became the topic of last minute debate Thursday that has spilled into protracted discussion throughout the week.

Commissioner Bob Trizna raised concerns that money promised to the Park District for capital improvements to Hinkley and Hodges Parks received the lowest priority under the agreement.

The final draft of the lease states that increased tax revenues resulting from the Uptown Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District will first pay for the city's debt service, then payments will be made to School Districts 64 and 207 as well as the Park District, then remaining funds will be used to pay for the capital improvements. Under the lease, the money could be paid by the city in four payments beginning with the sixth year. The money would also accrue interest of 2.4 percent annually after the sixth year.

Trizna said that the Park District should have the money guaranteed

because it has made Hinkley available for the reservoir, an action that saved both \$1.5 million in cost for the project and also hastened the process of redevelopment on the current reservoir block which would have to wait a year if the reservoir was constructed at the alternative site, 1200 Elm.

At last Thursday's board meeting, the Park Board was split on its position. Some members wanted to consider altering the agreement in order to change the level of priority for the capital improvements, placing it above payments to the School Districts and the Park District's own payment while others argued the contract was acceptable as it was.

Commissioner Fred Angelini said that there was no link between providing the Hinkley site for the reservoir and the capital improvements. "We made the site available because it was the right thing to do. We didn't do it for any gain. There was never any linkage."

Trizna disputed that there was no link and argued that it was the board's responsibility to look out for their constituents and not the constituents of other taxing bodies. However, since the Park Board

couldn't take action on the contract, further discussion was postponed until their next meeting, Thursday, Feb. 19.

In the meantime, Park District and City officials have been meeting in order to consider possible changes to the lease agreement. Two officials from the Park District met with City officials Friday. That meeting produced no substantive results. Park District Director Jim Lange and Park Board President Gail Wilkening met with City Manager Tim Schuenke, Acting Mayor Mike MaRous, and Ald. Larry Friel (7th).

On Monday, MaRous said that, while he did not necessarily think changes to the contract were necessary, a letter could be enclosed taking Trizna's concerns into account.

"The money is not at risk," said MaRous. "They're entitled to the capital improvement money because they're providing a benefit to the city and the taxpayers."

Schuenke said that if the Park District doesn't approve the lease at their next meeting, it would not significantly delay the project, but that if approval is not forthcoming, the city might have to look into alternatives, such as 1200 Elm.

City presents Hinkley Park Reservoir plans to Park Board

The Park Ridge Park District Board last night approved the lease for the new Hinkley Park Reservoir, which the city hopes to build a natural area and recreational development.

According to the plans presented to the Park Board last Thursday, the reservoir will be shaped roughly in an "L" shape. It will be set back from Elm and Dempster 20 feet and from St. Andrew's and the city line 20 feet. It will be as much as 40 feet wide and 100 feet long. The site will be shaped and landscaped to provide a natural area and recreational development.

The plans also call for an elevated walking path that will provide a connection of the Park District's existing paths. The city will pay for construction of the path.

While under construction, the site will be fenced off to prevent access by unauthorized personnel. The site will be open to the public for a period of weeks. They will be without light as the electric lines are redirected.

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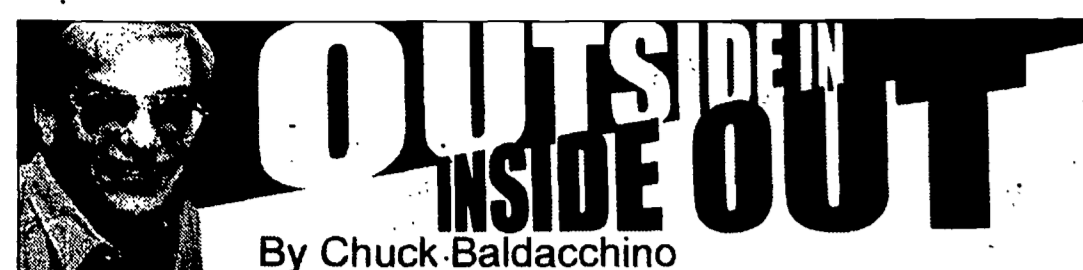
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By Chuck Baldacchino

Who asked you, anyway?

That's just the problem: Who asked you, anyway? Here we have Uptown Redevelopment (UR), the biggest thing — infrastructure project, character impact, ... you name it — to happen in Park Ridge in fifty years, for fifty years, and who asked you?

Decisions on UR will be made by just 14 people, led on by just three people — not by you (unless you're one of those 17).

Who are these great decision makers?

The Park Ridge City Council members are the 14. Our City Manager, our Director of Community Development and Preservation, and an outside consultant are the other three. A grand total of 17 people — only 14 of whom were elected — will decide what happens in UR and how we'll pay for it.

Neat, huh? Our City Manager is already on public record as saying that "he'd rather convince 14 aldermen than 37,775 residents". He was talking then (September 1999) to the Library

Board about a new Library (for only \$20-million); but it's not a far stretch to think he feels the same way about UR. (Do you, Mr. City Manager?) So he's working overtime to feed our City Council with mind-boggling — and ever-changing — UR projections and data so that he becomes the expert and leader in this endeavor.

Was he elected? No. Who then assigned him (abdicated to him, is more like it) this leadership role? Our City Council — none of whom were elected with any statements from them about what they felt about UR, what should actually go there, or how much they'd be willing to spend (of our money) to get it.

Neat, huh? Oh, but that's not the end of it (he says, gleefully). There's the Director of Community Development who authored the Park Ridge Comprehensive Plan back in 1996 that was the forerunner of the UR Master Plan under which UR will be implemented.

This is the same guy who brought you Summit Mall (booting, anyone?)

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— without asking you.

This is the same guy who brought you a new METRA station in Uptown at \$600,000 over budget, and with annual maintenance costs because the City is its "landlord" — without asking you.

Neat, huh?

Then there's the high-powered (read: high-priced) consultant who's doing the "interfacing" between the City and prospective developers and who's creating the matrices from which the City Staff and Council will choose the "big kahuna" developer who will actually build UR.

He doesn't even live in Park Ridge. He gets to collect his money and go home to wherever he does live, forever after.

Neat, huh?

But the real culprits here are your elected officials, the City Council, who were obviously elected to make these decisions.

But were they? Were they elected to make 50 year, \$60-million decisions without asking you?

They know what they want, I think. (Or at least what our Staff and consultant want.)

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SPORTS

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Niles West Girls defeated 53-38

BY RYAN BISHOP
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The Niles West Girls basketball team knew they faced a daunting task Friday night at home as the undefeated (26-0) and highly ranked Glenbrook South Lady Titans came to town. The Lady Wolves, already with more wins than all of last season were trying to hand the Titans their first loss of the season. Coming off an emotional victory over New Trier, Glenbrook South had to be aware of a letdown.

West came into the contest knowing that they had to stop the outstanding duo of seniors Sara Sutz and Pam Findlay, both who are going on to play Division I basketball. Overall, they did their job in containing them, limiting two of the state's top players to a combined 27 points. However, it wasn't enough as the Lady Titans stayed unbeaten on the season, winning 53-38.

The Lady Wolves did not back down from and held their own in the first quarter of play. They jumped out to a 3-0 lead on a Barbara Williams three-point play

following a Hailee Sullivan three-point miss. The Titans excelled at the transition and passing game to take a 12-10 lead after the first quarter. An Erin Lavesen steal led to an assist and a fast break basket to give the Titans a 8-4 lead with 4:34 left in the game. Junior forward Jesse Plaia had a layup and Julia Varsamis also scored from down low between two South defenders to score the last four points of the quarter for West.

"We started out defensively with a triangle and two alignment to guard against Sutz and Findlay," said coach Lou Metallo. I thought we did a good job on them in the first half, holding them to 15 points, so I was happy with that. We got off to a good start, but they did a good job defensively with Hailee and then they got their post up game going," he said.

West could not afford to have mental breakdowns against the aggressive, quick defense of the Titans. Four turnovers in the first three minutes of the second quarter proved costly as they were turned into six points, and a Titan

lead of 21-14 with 4:38 in the second. South moved the ball around the perimeter to find an open Findlay underneath for an easy basket. Stefani Masterson asserted herself, scoring on a long jumper and layup to pull the Wolves within eight, 31-23 at the half.

"We knew we had to play a perfect game to beat them. They don't make many mistakes. We gave up to many layups late in the game to stay close. They got nine points off their inbounds plays and four off offensive rebounds. That is 13 gift wrap points that could end up being the difference," said Metallo.

The Lady Wolves could only muster 15 points in the second half and were careless with the ball. Despite this they were only down 11 going into the fourth. A last second shot by Megan Duffy from Allie Temkin ended the game. Hailee Sullivan was high scorer with 8 points. Williams had 6 points and Plaia netted 6. The Lady Wolves rebounded to pound Gordon Tech 64-10 Saturday, improving their record to 15-11.

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In-person registration begins
8:30am, Wednesday, February
11th. Please use registration form
in February Program Guide-or
pick up form at the Center. Credit
card, check, or cash is accepted.
Special accommodations needed?
Be sure to let us know when you
register. Call 588-8420 for more
information including questions on
ticket availability & class registra-
tion. (Deadline for Mail-in/Drop-
off registration was Friday,
February 6th.)

**ETHNIC DINNER OUT-
ING**
Tuesday, February 24
5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
White Eagle 6839 N.
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Cost: \$20.00 members/\$22.00
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Today's family style meal
will feature traditional Polish
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Sausage with Sauerkraut,
Potatoes, Vegetable and of
course, Kolacky for dessert!
Transportation on your own.

GARBAGE REFERENDUM
PROGRAM
Wednesday, February 25
10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Presenter: Supervisor Bob
Dudycz
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Required

Supervisor Bob Dudycz will
speak on the upcoming
Garbage Referendum that
affects the unincorporated
areas of Maine Township.
Interested homeowners are
encouraged to learn more about
this issue.

WOMEN'S TEA
Thursday, February 26
10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon
Cost: \$2.00 includes
Continental Breakfast
Suzette Horyza, President of
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her program on "What is your
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Thursday February 12, 2004

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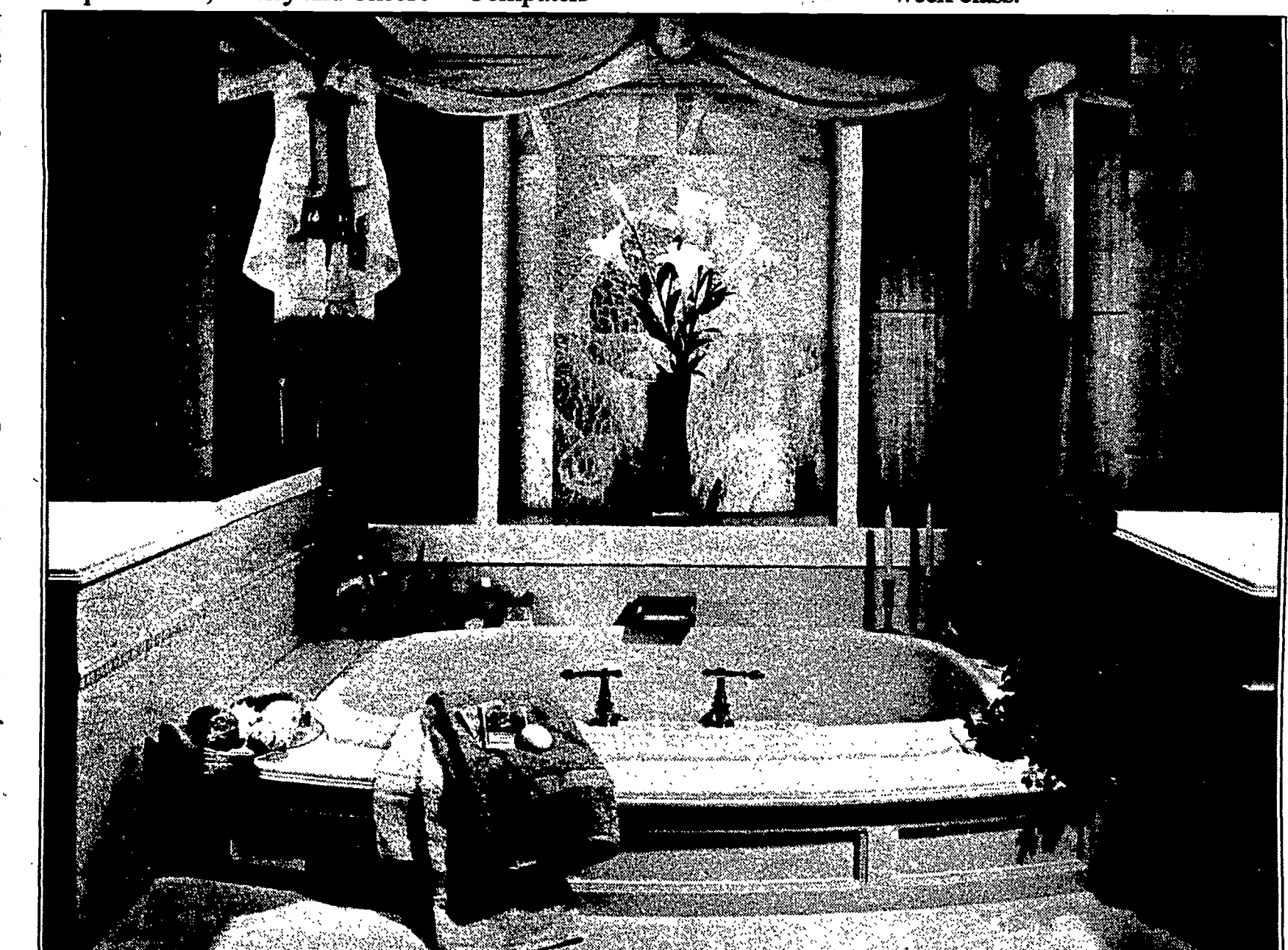
Book Discussion - Friday, March
5th, 10:00am - 11:00am. \$1
Join us as we discuss Seabiscuit by
Laura Hillenbrand. Refreshments
included.
Lite Lunch & Movie - Friday,
March 5th, 12:00pm - 3:30pm.
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Pinocle Tournament - Friday,
March 12th, 12:00pm - 4:00pm.
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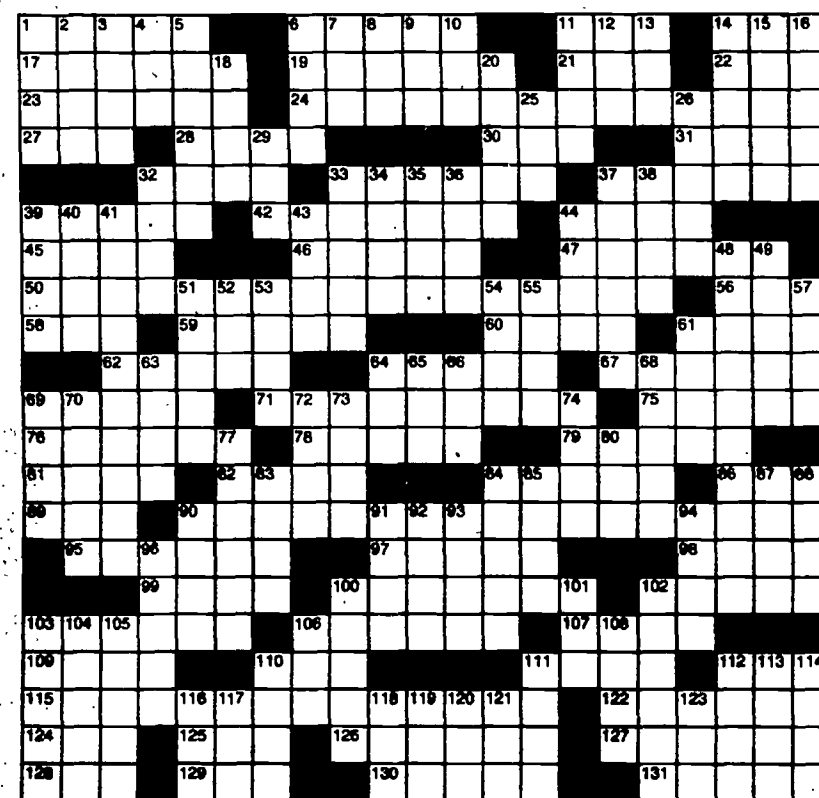
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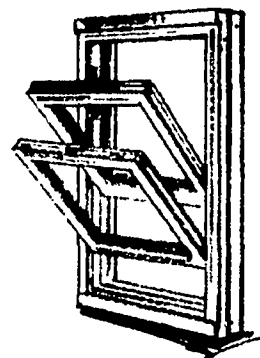
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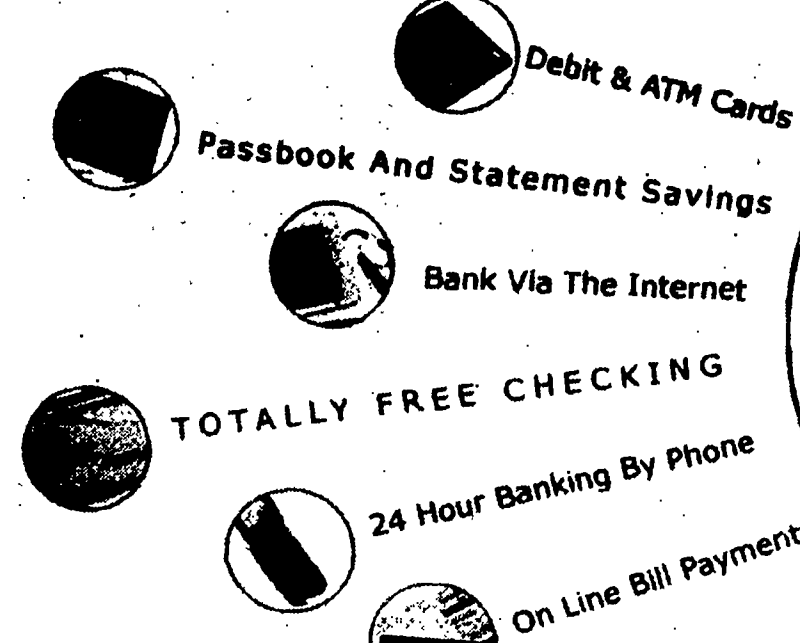
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PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on November 17, 2003 Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, February 24, 2004 at the hour of 1 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate. Commonly known as: 8801 W. Golf Road, Unit 2F, Niles, IL 60714.

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a condominium residence. This information is considered reliable but is not warranted. The judgment amount was \$73,255.00. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. This sale is subject to unpaid real estate taxes, assessments, liens, conditions, easements and restrictions of record. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

This proceeding is a communication for the purpose of collecting the mortgage debt, under the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act. If you fail to dispute, in writing, the validity of this debt within thirty days, it will be assumed to be valid. Finally, any information you provide will be used for the purpose of collection.

Upon payment of each portion of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Receipt of Sale. Upon payment in full of the debt, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the mortgaged real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection, except by the arrangement and permission of the current owner or occupant. For information: Jaros, Tittle & O'Toole, Ltd., Plaintiff's Attorneys, 20 N. Clark Street, Suite 510, Chicago, IL 60602. 312/750-1000. Phone calls will be taken only between the hours of 9:00 thru 11:00 A.M. When calling, please refer to file number 03-276121. 2041000.

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE UNITED STATES District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division. The Bank of New York, acting solely in its capacity as Trustee for EQCC Trust 2001-1F, Plaintiff, vs. Leonardo Gutierrez, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03C-2088.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL COMMISSIONER'S SALE OUR FILE NO. 55057 (IT IS ADVISED THAT INTERESTED PARTIES CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEYS BEFORE BIDDING AT FORECLOSURE SALES). Public Notice is hereby given pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled cause on 12/09/2003.

1. Fred Herzog, Special Commissioner for this court will on March 11, 2004 at the hour of 11:30 a.m. at N.W. corner lobby, Daley Center, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described premises:

C/K/A: 8037 W. Lake St., Niles, IL 60714. The improvements on the property consist of single family, separate garage.

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The property will NOT be open for inspection. The judgment amount was \$280,885.79. Upon the sale being made the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed on a specified date unless the property is redeemed according to law. For information call the Sales Officer at Plaintiff's Attorney, Fisher and Fisher, 120 N. La Salle Street, Suite 2520, Chicago, IL 60602, (312) 372-4784, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., under Illinois law, the Sales Officer is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this Notice. 205442C.

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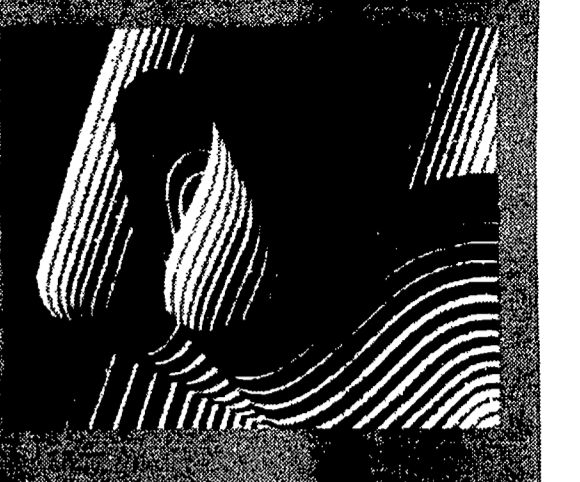
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- The Bugle, 7400 N. Waukegan
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- Kappy's Restaurant, 7200 Dempster
- Classic Bowl, 8530 N. Waukegan
- Entenman's, 7931 Golf
- Produce World, 8801 Waukegan
- Family Pantry, 9259 Waukegan
- Subway, 9237 N. Waukegan
- Go Mart, 6335 Dempster
- Jewel, 5930 Dempster
- Morton Grove Library, 6140 Lincoln
- Super Cup Coffee Shop, 8509 Fernald
- Morton Grove Chamber of Commerce, 6101 Capulina
- Morton Grove Village Hall, 6101 Capulina
- MB Financial, 6201 Dempster
- Morton Grove Senior Center, 6140 Dempster

- Merlin's Muffler Shop, 6108 W. Dempster

Park Ridge

- Morningfields, 800 Devon
- Scissorhands Barber, 739 Devon
- Maine Park Leisure Center, 2701 Sibley
- Park Ridge Community Center, 1515 W. Touhy
- Park Ridge Senior Center, 100 S. Western
- Walter's Restaurant, 28 Main St. Park Ridge Chamber of Commerce, 32 Main St.
- Uptown Train Station, Summit and Prospect
- Park Ridge City Hall, 505 Butler
- Starbucks, 15 S. Prospect
- Einstein's Bagels, 23 S. Prospect
- Venus Restaurant, 18 S. Northwest Hwy.
- Panera Bread, 395 Northwest Hwy.
- Starbucks, 100 S. Northwest Hwy.
- Le Peep Restaurant, 100 Euclid
- Maine Township Town Hall, 1700 Ballard

